

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus for transferring data from a first network to a second network, the apparatus comprising:

first discrimination means for discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;

~~second discrimination judgment means for discriminating judging if the terminal of an~~
~~address of the received data corresponds to a stored address~~ the transfer path to the destination of
the received data is secure or not;

selection means for selecting a method of transferring the received data from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination by said first discrimination means and ~~said second discrimination means~~
the result of the judgment by judgment means; and

control means for controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected by said selection means.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

management means for managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

~~third~~ second discrimination means for discriminating if the encryption information

correlated with said terminal is managed by said management means,

wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
management means for managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

~~third~~ second discrimination means for discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed by said management means,

wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A communication method of transferring data from a first network to a second network, the method comprising:

first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;

~~second discrimination judgment step of discriminating judging if the terminal of an address of the received data corresponds to a stored address~~ the transfer path to the destination of the received data is secure or not;

selection step of selecting a method of transferring the received data from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for

access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and ~~said second discrimination step~~ the result of the judgment by judgment step; and

control step of controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected in said selection step.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory medium storing a program of a communication method of transferring data from a first network to a second network, the program comprising:

first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data;

~~second discrimination judgment step of discriminating judging if the terminal of an address of the received data corresponds to a stored address~~ the transfer path to the destination of the received data is secure or not;

selection step of selecting a method of transferring the received data from a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and ~~said second discrimination step~~ the result of the judgment by judgment step; and

control step of controlling to transfer the received data by using the method selected in said selection step.

Claims 11-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21. (Currently amended): A method according to claim 9, further comprising:
management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
~~third~~ second discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated
with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received
data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 22. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 9, further comprising:
management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the
encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

~~third~~ second discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the
effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said
management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received
data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 23. (Currently amended) A computer readable memory medium according to claim
10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
~~third~~ second discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated
with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received
data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 24 (Currently amended) A computer readable memory medium according to claim

10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

~~third~~ second discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.